4TH SENATE DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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COMMUNITY ALERT

VOTING IS A CIVIC DUTY

Tuesday, September 14th is primary day in Wisconsin. Please exercise you civic duty and vote! If you need help finding your polling place, please visit:

www.vpa.wi.gov

Dear Friend.

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always I'm Here to Servel



John Doe Laws Come Under Court Review, Judges Change Legislative Intent of a Major Portion of the Law.

For two sessions, I was intricately involved with the John Doe reforms. John Doe cases allow a person to seek criminal prosecution of another in secret The laws needed reform because of abuse of the system, especially in corrections.

Today, the State Appeals Court ruled on a case regarding the new laws and changed the intent of the Legislature regarding the review by the District Attorney. The law, as we passed, clearly required a judge to refer a case to the DA for review. The courts said that judges have discretion whether or not to refer that case This is not the law that I helped to create and pass, and I assure you I will seek a remedy for this.



PICTURED L-R: Rep. Gary Tauchen, Senator Taylor, Isaiah Taylor, and John Jacobs IV of Green Valley Dairies, Inc.

Taylor Tours Agri-Business Leaders

At the end of August, I joined ences — including watching Rep. Gary Tauchen (R-Bonduel), for a tour of dairy farms in Shawano County, near Green Bay. Our highlighted stop was at Green Valley Dairies, Inc where approximately 3600 cows are milked. Isaiah and I appreciated the tour and farm experi-

a calf being born!

One of the highlights of Green Valley is an anaerobic digester that makes electricity from the manure from cows! This is a leading technology and I believe, after seeing it firsthand, that we need more of them!

As Attacks on Workers Continue, Celebrate Labor!

On Labor Day, I had the privilege of sharing my day with the working families of Milwaukee at Labor Fest. President Obama addressed the nearly 10.000 members and families and delivered a powerful speech celebrating the moment, reflecting on the past

and detailing a path toward the future. He emphasized how workers helped build the infrastructure of this country> Even as we celebrate the working people of our state, attacks on their rights continue. A law that I cosponsored this session to prohibit a company from requiring a worker to attend religious or political meetings, is being challenged in courts by businesses. They want to be able to require workers to attend their meetings. We will fight that effort!

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Staff Spotlight



My name is Revelle Williams. I currently provide case management to Inmate Correspondence and Office Management. I enjoy working with the community and providing resources to individuals. I began working in Community Service opportunities at the age of 14 through the YMCA of Milwaukee where I volunteered countless hours of service.

Interested in an internship?

Contact the office at 608-266-5810 for more information and

COMMUNITY!

Neighborhood Cleanup & Crime Crisis Meeting

August 28th marked an important day as I led a neighborhood cleanup and convened an emergency community meeting on recent criminal break-ins.

Our cleanup covered the Lincoln Park Neighborhood from Eastbrook Church to the North, to Capitol & Green Bay Ave on the South, and to the Boulevards West on Hampton. There were approximately 20 participants, including the 11th Street Block Club, and the UW-Milwaukee Health Sciences Core Staff. Our partners, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful to provide us, for free, with the supplies we needed to conduct the clean up and would urge you to do the same in your own neighborhood. If you are interested, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful can be reached at 414-272-5462.

Following the two-hour cleanup, we held an emergency crime response meeting to go over a rash of garage break-ins in the Rufus King neighborhood. I partnered with Alderman Ashanti Hamilton and the Milwaukee Police Department to go over statistics to determine areas of follow-up and other potential threats and risks to the quality of life in the neighborhood.

I hope that events like these can be done all over the district and be a bridge to the community for support and response efforts. If you, your church group, or community organization would like to suggest an area in the district for us to consider, or are interested in partnering with us, please contact my office at 414-342-7176.

MANNERS CORNER

Q: What is the best way to know which utensil to use?

A: The easiest way to remember is to work your way in from the outside. On the left, use the farthest fork for the appetizer, the next fork for the salad and the next fork for the entree. Once you've used a utensil, you should not put it back on the table. It should stay on your plate or bowl.

This is Dana World Patterson reminding you that manners matter and they only take a moment.

Any questions, contact me at Dana@visionsetiquettetraining.com





NEWS FROM YOUR SENATOR

ASK THE SENATOR

On September 22, 2010, I will be in the district taking questions, having discussions and sharing with constituents at the Clinton and Bernice Rose Senior Center (3045 N Martin Luther King Jr Drive) from 10am-12pm. This quarterly effort is an ongoing effort to reach out to my constituents and be a resource in the community.

- Have questions about flood relief?
- Questions about home, auto or health insurance coverage?
- Questions about unemployment insurance or other government entitlement programs?

It is important that you participate and let the me know what I can do for you!

CREATING THE CHANGE!

This session I authored four laws and one resolution to remove obsolete and ineffective laws on driver's licenses. Because of these new laws, over 40,000 people in Milwaukee have had their driver's license's reinstated! This means that not only can people get to work legally, they can use installments to pay fines and avoid the cycle of debt that should never have happened.